

**Vision Funding Committee
Meeting Minutes for May 22, 2001
Emergency Medical Services Authority
1930 9th Street
Sacramento, California
10:00am – 3:00pm**

I. Introductions

II. Agenda

- Update on the involvement of a foundation
 1. There is no new information at this time. The group discussed how to revisit this issue below. However, the group decided that they would like to change this from asking a “question” to writing a “white paper” that is descriptive of EMS in California and would serve as the introductory piece to be shopped around to Foundations. Included in the white paper would be:
 - Federal / State legislative underpinning for EMS in California.
 - The patterns of EMS funding in the state.
 - The lack of agreed upon value statewide – or rather emphasizing local system autonomy and determination of value.
- Legislative Update
 1. Every funding legislation proposal is currently in suspense.
- Review goals and the representation in the upcoming Gray Book
 1. The group chose to look at different ways to deliver care and evaluate effectiveness.
 2. At the system level, the group decided that a process should be established that could predict good outcomes. These should focus on performance data for effectiveness and customer service (local).
 3. Suggestions / Questions:
 - ✓ To what degree are processes being adequately funded.
 - ✓ Centralized research to determine outcomes.
 - ✓ Call for research agenda for the EMS system that defines cost benefit variations outcome (state or nationwide).

Funding Objectives

OBJECTIVES	STATUS
1. Secure adequate and stable funding for local EMS agencies and the state EMS Authority for administration, system planning, and evaluation activities.	• Remove LEMSAs and EMSA – secure adequate and stable funding, based upon the revised #2.

2. Implement a mechanism for periodic review of EMS needs and appropriate sources. Establish performance criteria in order to evaluate effectiveness of funding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modify this objective to become main objective. • Establish processes that predict good outcome. • Measure the processes that predict good outcome. • This is at the system level. • Establish a statewide or national research agenda that looks at outcome and cost-effectiveness.
3. Develop a multidisciplinary task force of federal, state, local government EMS regulators, providers, and payers to address first responder and medical transportation funding needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a multidisciplinary coalition to address insufficient funding of system demand and include pilot study looking at alternate approaches to meeting that demand –in context of #2.
4. Develop a multidisciplinary task force of federal, state and local government and EMS representatives to define and measure the problem, and recommend funding source(s), process(es) to and an action plan that would meet the stated needs for disaster, medical and mutual aid planning. If necessary, develop a legislative proposal that responds to the recommended action plan. Develop an advocacy effort to assist with the legislative platform's execution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed – moved into #3.
5. Support legislative efforts to require payers to pay allowable charges in a timely manner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed – through constituency groups.
6. Support legislation to require payers to pay for hospital medical evaluation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed – legislation already exists.
7. Provision of EMS data processing services is a fundamental responsibility of the EMS Authority and should be adequately funded. Funding should be continued and coupled to measuring the ongoing effect of the EMS system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed – see modified #1 and #2.
8. Obtain stable funding for California's poison control system through a State General Fund increase of \$5.5M annually.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed - this is being accomplished by EMSA.
9. Seek legislative funding for hospital services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed – this is way beyond purview of EMS, and is actively being pursued by the more relevant constituencies.
10. Explore and obtain adequate state funding to accomplish statewide QI capability to be compatible with national standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed – see #7.

- Discussion of the EMS System Guidelines
 1. The EMS System Guidelines with “funding language” were reviewed without any suggestions or suggested language changes for EMSA.
- Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Los Angeles from 5-7pm on September 25, 2001.